



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tarara et al.	Group Art Unit: 1616
Application No: 09/886,296	Examiner: Sharmila S. Gollamudi
Confirmation No: 6348	Attorney Docket No: NK.0054.10
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For: ENGINEERED PARTICLES AND METHODS OF USE	October 18 th , 2004 San Francisco, California

AMENDMENT AND NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Examiner Gollamudi:

This amendment for the above-referenced application is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 16, 2004, and is being timely filed within six months thereof with a request for a three-month extension of time.

Enclosed is also a Notice of Appeal with the necessary fee. Applicant appeals from the Final Rejection mailed on April 16, 2004 rejecting claims 4-15, 18-23, 39-47 and 49-56.

Enclosed please also find in original USPTO's form SB96, Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b), and a Statement from the Assignee regarding change of Associate Practitioner in this case.

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